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Just scientific illiterate housewife but reads a lot and intrigued over the flying saucer mystery. Infact has scrapbook of clippings from papers about sighting, True magazine spread on snapshots, Don Keyhoes' book and "listen to Frank Edwards regularly. Your book however, is certainly the frosting on the cake. Believes interplanetary explanations is possible, but kept wondering while reading if you had tongue in cheek. Asks how much will the scientifically conditioned American public believe? Doesn't see how Air Force or Navy could be sitting on such a big secret, and not have more info leat out. Also who is Dr. Gee?

Apologizes for skepticism. Congratulated for having written such a fascinating book. Sold a few copies ~~from~~ through personal enthusiasm. Wants more from you on the subject.

Richard Charles King, Phoenix says: " I had the pleasure of reading your book which impressed me no end.

"There is a lot of information contained therein which if properly evaluated should enable an intelligent person to understand a number of things with reference to the science involved in magnetic lines of force - "

Also happy that you're trying to awaken the Am people to the government control thrownharound any effort to find facts of flying saucers. Wrote to fellow who had film of saucers and was requested to give it to Air Force and advised not to release any further info. Time Am people demand Congression investigation on so-called secrecy because if Air Force can't tell people what they found, Russians certainly could not. Believes lot of ignorance behind "For the purposes of National Security."

Interested in geophysical research. Contacted Newton.

Suggests you get October 1, 1950 issue of Phoenix Republic Reviewer trying to "smear" your efforts reporting f.s. He wants to write and ask what evidence he has that you are wrong. Asks if you know Donald Ballard operating sound studio know as "Custom Designs" in Van Nuys. This guy's son-in-law and very advanced on subject.

Harry E Wheeler Jr of Mass sent something that could be of promotional purpose. With a release. (Didn't see what it was so can't report on it.)

Harnett T. Kane New Orleans enjoyed colum from NY. the Mary Margaret McBride show, Bill Leonard show and the book.

Meta Black of NY trying to discredit Si Newton.

C.J.Endres, Oregon convinced saucers have a base in Oregon. Thinks he should find it too. Also thinks he can find remains of one that crashed in 48 there. No ax to grind.

Dr. Joseph A D'Alessio, Bev Hills wants an autographed book with picture glues inside (of FS as of Times review) and COD

L.M.Wasserbly, New Literature Ed of Industrial Maintenance, says book excellent, interested in industrial significance of motive power and materials as represented by flying saucer. Would like you to comment briefly for them on the subject. Would like to publish these comments as news item in their mag "Industrial Maintenance." Due credit accorded you and the fine book.

F.L.Gaines, Ill has a theory that the saucerian circus over Farmington was American made saucers, that Am scientists have by now discovered the secret of magnetic propulsion and had constructed many smaller models. They were sent on their way in March 1950 with info of our civilization in hope of contacting inhabitants of the original sapce ships and cement friendly relations and

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to invite them to contact. Project is being kept secret for obvious reason. Asks what you think of the theory?

Asked if you heard Fibber McGee show and General Francis Scully Sent clipping of Irving Pflaum's col. Asked if you had heard any comment from government sources. Or from Keyhoe?

Sherman Gauley. B. Sc. Toronto, Ontario. finds some points in article hard to accept. Technical and scientific terms are used in most unorthodox way, and by "experts" who can't (for him) be contacted. The Denver lecturer, Dr. Gee and the Petroleum expert. Denver Lecturer speaks of demagnetizing lines of force, which is a queer and meaningless assembly of words/ Par bottom page 149 doesn't mean a thing without explanation and proof. Proof only could be in some scientific paper of highest order, and you couldn't be expected to publish that in Pageant. But proof should exist. Pet expert talks of magnetic microwaves. What does he mean? goes on about waves etc. Dr. Gee bombing the ship with Geiger counter etc not clear. Discrepancy between flying on mag lines of force and creating of motive power by breaking of mag lines of force. Interested in explanation.

1257 lines per sq cm. Why mention a number, since the density of lines comes from the strength of the mag field developed, so any number can be right. Gears of a ratio unfamiliar to engineers on this earth. Knows something about gears and can't imagine what kind of 'ratio' you mean. Please explain. Venus and Earth held in position by mag repulsion. Einstein changed some of Newton's laws but he can not accept your associates' opinion as valid when they contradict most advanced scientific theories we have.

Article very interesting, but so many statement he can't

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believe, he's inclined to distrust entire article.

Would appreciate very much reply and hopes you don't object to criticisms. Flying Saucers subject is one of most thought-provoking and fascinating that one could think. Deserves best of reporting

Bob Pike talks of gas attendant talking about magnetic scientist in Maywood who promised the whole thing would break wide open in 30-60 days. That saucers were mag spaceships, with pint-sized occupants, radios. (This letter is dated August 30 1950)
More data on saucers, US and otherwise.

Paul T.R.Roper of Wyoming asks if possibly flying saucer occupants are a small race (in stature) of their planet, that a larger and perhaps controlling race are anatomically unable to voyage to earth. Or will come later?

How many of our earth have so far made the trip to fs people's planet? Venus would seem probably.

Also ~~now~~ asks for any exact knowledge how many people from another planet are on earth, seemingly earth people?

His supposition that public has not received much knowledge as exists from scientists. Believes an evacuation to safer planet is in offing, as earth will become temp. uninhabitable due to World War III. Evidence of dwellers from other planets and even punitive spaceship action would be historic. You probably familiar with Genesis 18 and 19 1-25, a destructive (though just) use of mag force re Sodom and Gomorrah.

Transportation is only one of uses of mag force.

Alma Dwight Young of Hollywood - metaphysics. tanks you and your friends for courage to fly in face of opposition give findings. Has heard of the lecture.

Silas Newton, Denver writes in detail about Jack Foster, Ed of Rocky Mountain News, and his having seen 5 saucers, and the lights emanating from them, and no noise.

Mrs. Joseph Mills Hanson of Virginia, heard Rudy Valle's program and got the book within the week. Read the book and let housework ride. Mistake 187, very last page of text, Washington threw a coin over the Rappahannock River, not the Potomac. Suggests we will be returning calls of saucerians before you get answers from the military.

William Dvorine of Maryland is impressed by the Book. Would very much to hear from you. Wants to know where can he get more info on theory behind the power of the saucers? Also Why was photograph or drawings of the saucer, its component parts or its occupants included in book. Excluding extra expense, were there any other reasons why these were left out of book. What should he do if he ever saw a saucer. No point in calling police or Air Force, but how about a telescope in his vicinity? Asks if you are comparatively close by? (He's in Baltimore) Looks forward to hear from you.

Mrs. Virginia Meehan, Syracuse, NY couldn't wait till bookstores replenished their supply and asks for one COD, inscribed. Holt sent her one, suggests if she wants to mail it to you for autograph, it would be the best way. But Mrs. Meehan sure is hot and bothered.

Berenice Smith (exWave and Husband Navy) read book, thinks it stupendous. Were in line with the Pentagon before reading it, now are out scanning the skies.

Everett Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn. wishes to state that he agrees wholeheartedly that flying saucers are propelled by mag force and then gives two pages of information about it, very clear and no crackpot he

with reading.

J. Prentise Womack, Dinuba, Calif asks that Dr. Gee be constrained to come forth with a clarification. Should be a showdown on saucer business, especially if they come from another planet. If there are such saucers and men it is not fantastic to suppose they are more spiritualized than our so-called mystics, probably ~~xxxx~~ peace-lovers and we reasonably could imagine that we might communicate with via a sort of telepathy. "God" knows we could use some such contact. That's why Dr Gee should drag this matter in the open. Mentions some friend saw flying saucer over Visalia in August 1950.

Eart T. Strickler of Columbia Pa sends a very interesting letter telling about his mother seeing a 'train' of saucers and details showing keen observation. It fits very well in with other reports and **your** book. No noise, They assume you have been entirely serious in your treatment and "no where could I detect a 'tongue-in-cheek' attitude - " They are very serious. And would like to hear from you. And would like to give you additional information if you are interested. Worth reading in full.

David Gordon send cards from Conn, advocating "A new theory of gravitation. The Atom Of The Solar System" by David Gordon. \$1. Pencilled in 'You will find the answer of magnetic forces of your "Behind The Flying Saucers"

D.B.Taylor of Tea & Coffee Trade Journal (Mng Ed) NY calls book delightful, calls attention to page 109. Loves the style, subject matter and presentation. Pleasure to read good reporting. Hoped book hits the best seller list a good solid smack.

Horace Miller, Geophysicist, Indianapolis asks if he is correct in guessing Dr. Gee is distinguished geophysicist Dr. Frederick Lee, former head of the geophysical section of the Bureau of Mines? Hopes for an answer.

Franklin Royster of Michigan Union, Ann Arbor is so completely excited he asks to be excused for the writing, as he can hardly write. First time in his life he's written a letter to anyone unbeknown to him for any reason. He feels he has an answer to the death of the little men, and goes into detail about the gravity and the eardrums etc. Sounds okay. Would like to have taken the risk to test one of those ships, given a tank of oxygen and some food and water. He feels it's logical that given 10 or 15 hours to fly one could learn what each button means.

E. R. Holmberg, Mr. View. Calif, wants to know "tenescope" can't find it in dictionary or encyclopedia, or text of mechanical or electrical instrument. Wants to know if is not a coined term for purposed of lending authenticity to an otherwise phony article. Does not doubt the existance of saucers, tenescope or no t, but would sure like to know about these modern tracking devises. "All in all you wrote a swell book and it was good coverage for not being a scientist. "

Louis W. Neustadter, Santa Barbara, enjoyed book greatly. would like to know
M.R.I.
is it serious, factual or fictional. Or perhaps tongue in cheek. Lunatic fringe of Americans who can really think, to them this appears too fantastic, too unreal. Description of wrecked saucers is convincing , but the miniature bodies strains credulity to breaking point. Your insistence upon the policy of Pentagon to conceal facts is not conducive to confidence in Washington Administr

Doesn't have confidence in it anyhow, but all too many deluded citizens to have faith in cock-eyed political set-up. Very disturbing that public is kept in dark. Is that charge true?

If he found wrecked saucer, filled with corpses of little men, he would broadcast the discovery, no one could muzzle him. Deeply interested in possibility of intelligent life upon other planets. It appears reasonable - Wants answer.

October 2, 1950

Frank Scully, Esq.,
c/o Henry Holt and Co.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Scully:

It occurs to me that the enclosed might be used
by you or by Holt for some promotional purpose. It is submitted,
with the usual implied releases, with that in mind.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 1950

Mr. Frank Scully
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Dear Frank:

I see by the magazines that the big wheels are trying to take you and your new book apart word by word-- especially the review in the September 23rd Saturday Review of Literature.

Suppose you've been snowed under with thrill-seekers and unbelievers alike.

Thanks for your short note, and I relayed your regards to Oliver Lientz. Betty, their daughter, is an old friend of mine.

When you do get a chance, drop me a letter to keep me up to date. Won't publish anything you don't want me to. Frankly, I'd be more inclined to go along with your story than the SRL review, although they do pick out several apparent errors in the book.

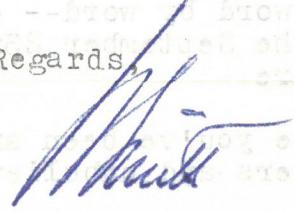
Is there any possibility, as they charge, you could have been humbugged by Newton and

Koehler and the rest of them? I broadcast a few times from Station KMYR while spending three war years in Denver, but don't remember Koehler.

The Denver locale of the whole thing arouses my interest because of the time I spent in that area. Still have friends there.

If you're sure of your ground, don't let 'em blast you into a cocked hat. Believe me, it's the biggest story of the age.

Regards



It may interest you to know I've only found one person out of dozens I've talked to here who thinks there's anything to the story. If the Air Force clams up, you've got a long row to hoe.

W.E.S.

Box 85, Route 1
Ojai, California
October 3 1950

Editor, Pageant Magazine

Dear Sirs,

The explanation of "Flying saucers" in your September number, that was attributed to the Russian Diplomat, namely that some discus throwing athlete in Russia had failed to estimate his own strength and had thrown some of his discuses over the U. S. A. by accident seems to me to be the nearest right! The story told by the mysterious Mr. Gee has several internal evidences of being phony, so obvious that any high school student of physics and chemistry who is normally intelligent can spot them easily.

(1) The sample of "Heavy water" taken from one of the Flying Saucers which landed on the earth was "twice the density of ordinary water"

(2) The estimated time necessary for a space ship to travel from Venus to the Earth, travelling with a speed comparable to the speed of light was given as 45 minutes.

(3) A sample of metal taken from the space ship which landed, was "Hitherto unknown on the Earth"

There were several other glaring evidences of phoniness which I leave for you to spot. It seems to me that this sort of book is rather a poor sort of joke!

Yours sincerely,

Walter S. Hughes

Dr. Mr Frank Skully

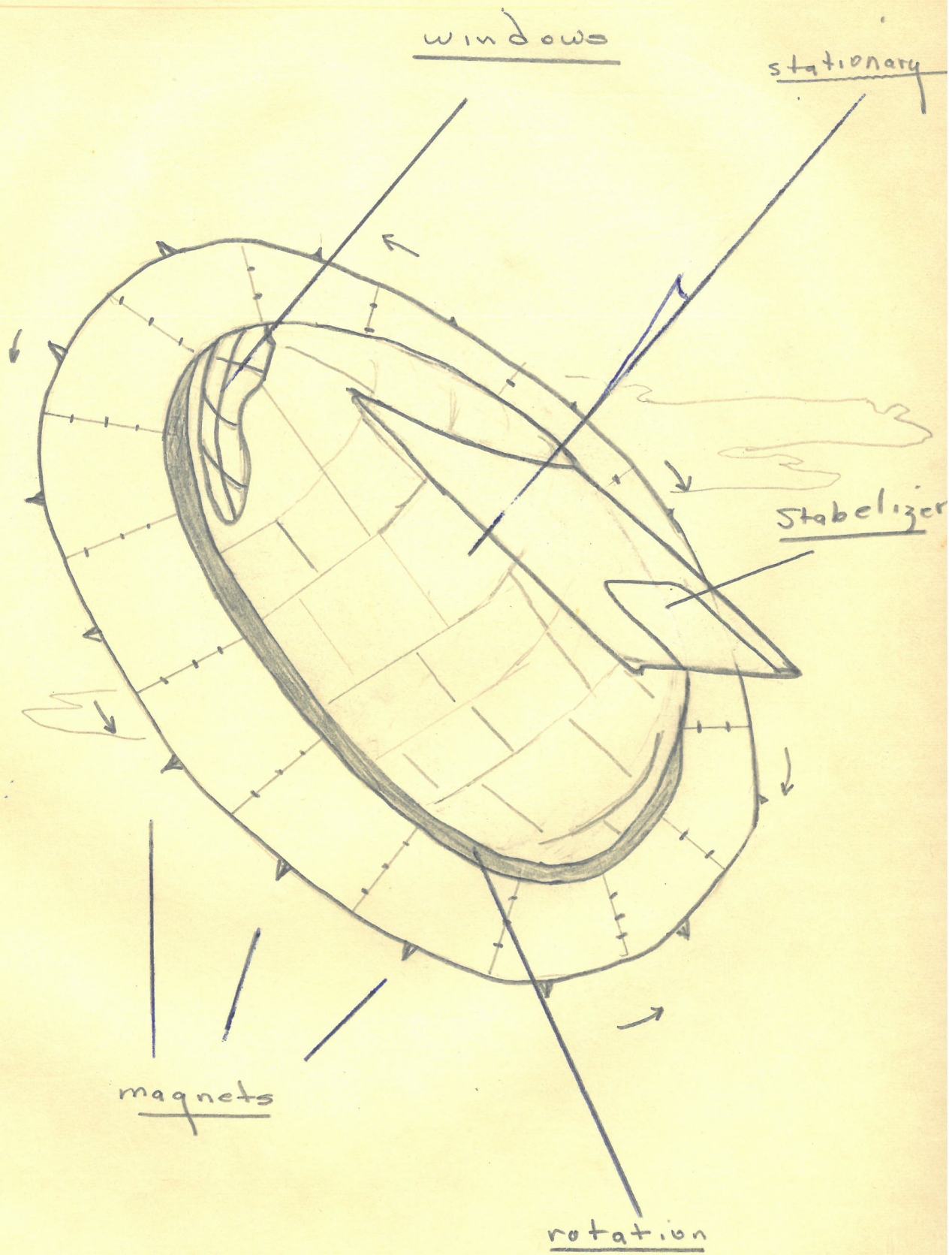
Your current feature "Behind the Flying
Saucers" in the New York Post has
givin me an idea which is as follows.
on the rotating rim of ~~the~~ the flying
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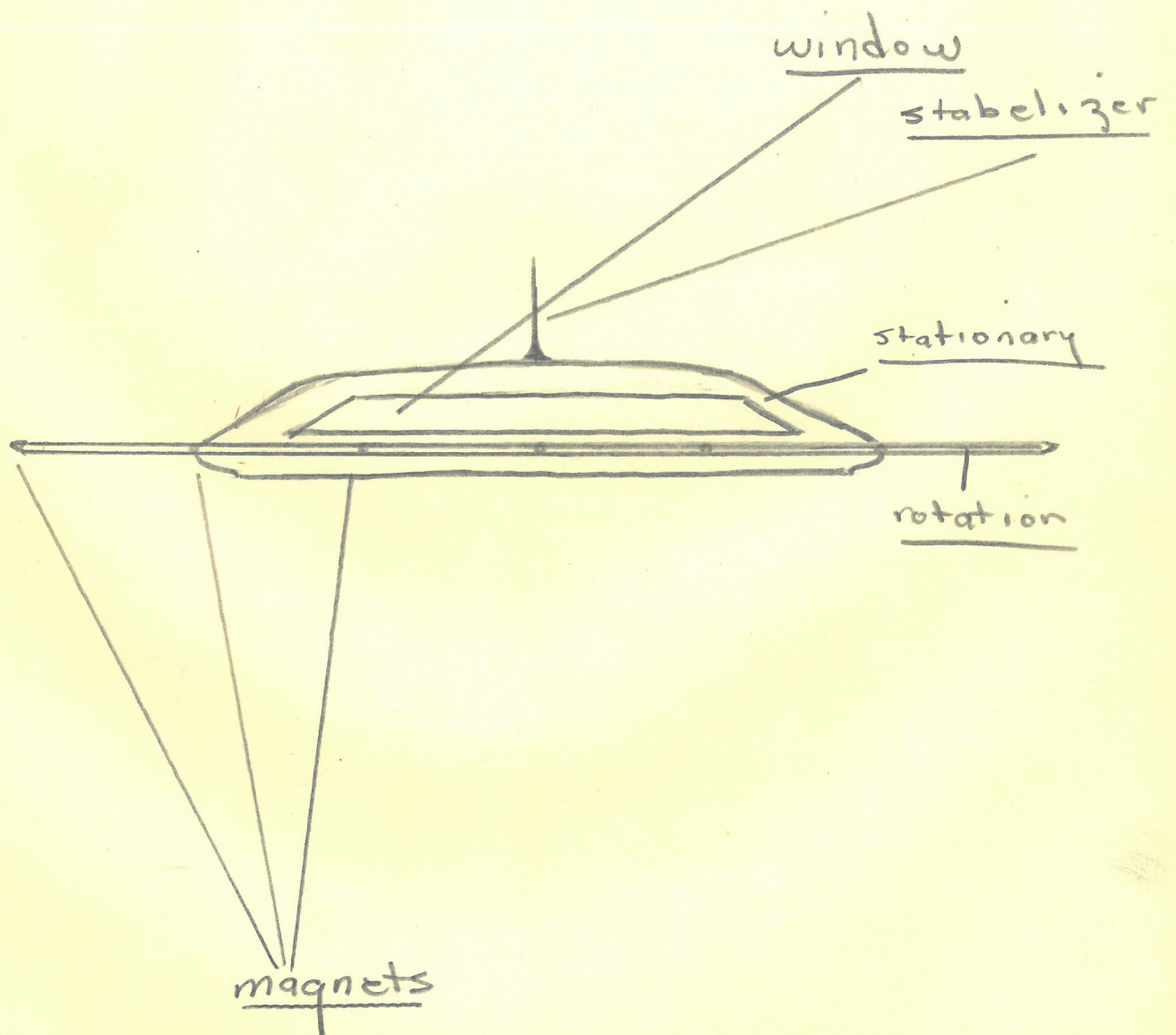
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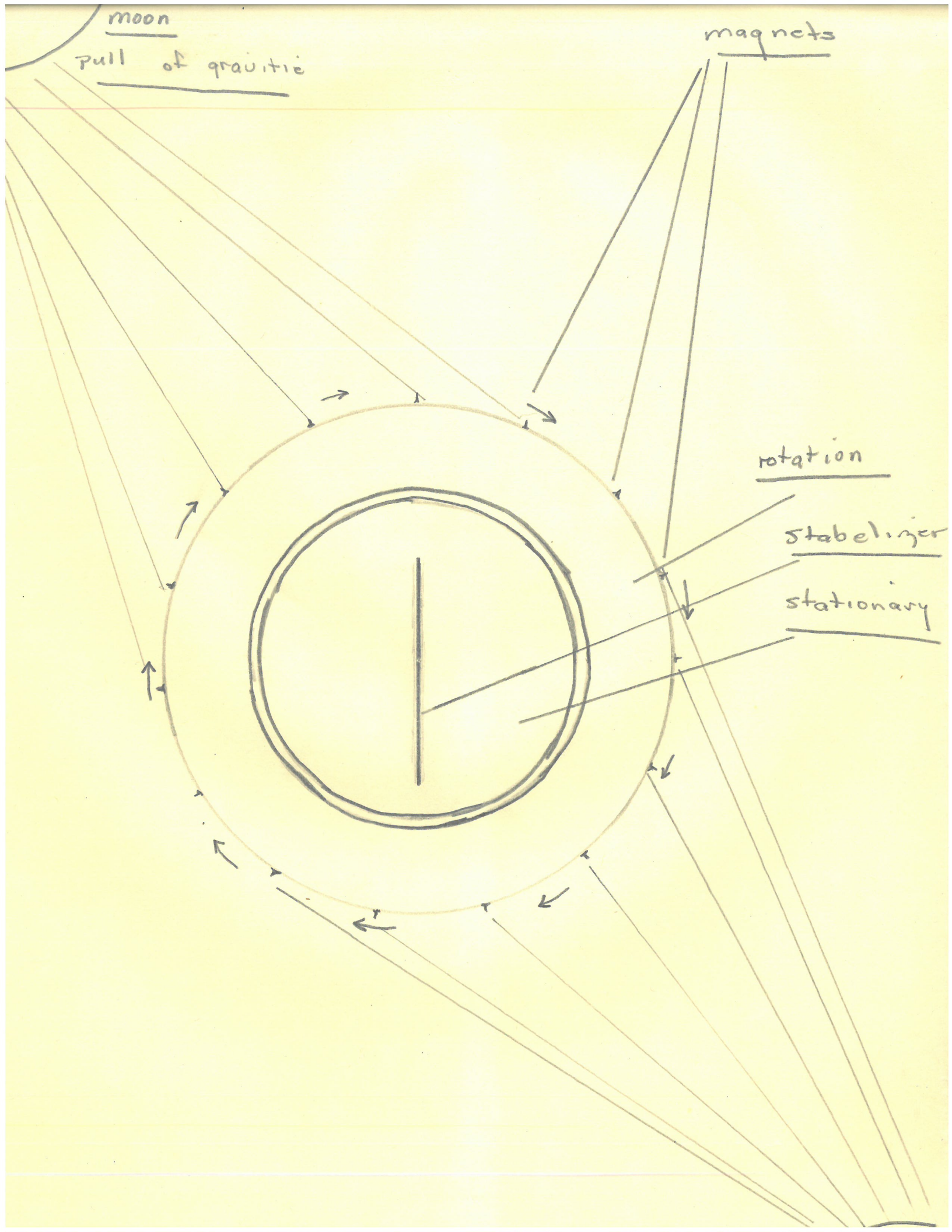
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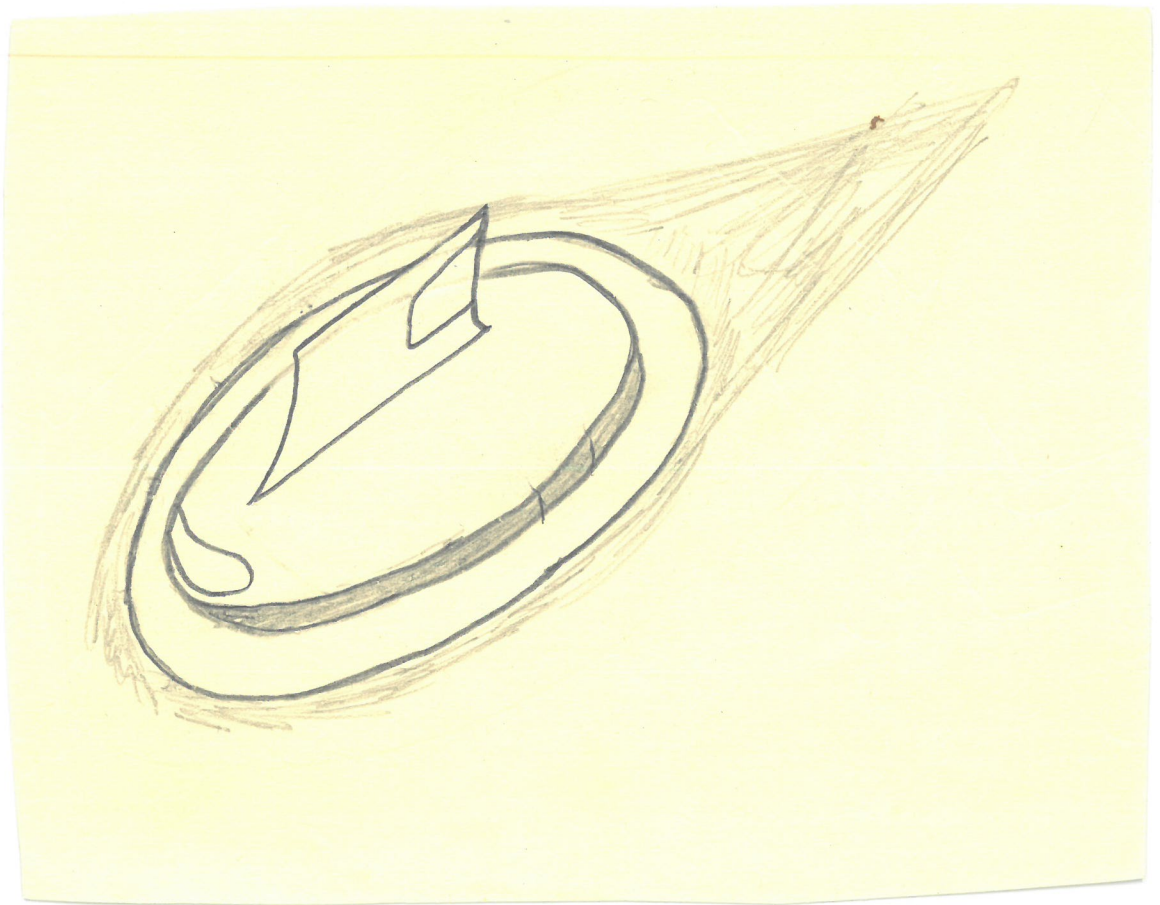
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Dear Mr. Scully:

I have just completed reading your current book "Behind The Flying Saucers" and find it certainly deserving of a "well done."

I make no claims to ever having seen a flying saucer, nor any airborne object that would resemble one, however, this in no way has cooled my interest or belief in their existence and origin. As a Radio Technician with RCA and a student of Ionospheric Propagation I too have had occasion to witness strange events relative to the substance of outer space, and their effects on world wide communication.

As you know, there are certain periods of the year when, due to severe ionospheric and magnetic storms, the disturbances in ionospheric propagation are such as to render long distance short-wave communication difficult and often impossible. These disturbances are from a few days up to two weeks.

While, it is true the newspaper accounts of flying saucers are by no means complete, I have been able to see a definite association between the reports of flying saucers and the periods of ionospheric disturbance.

As soon as I am able to observe something more definite with regards to this relationship I will let you know, for whatever interest you may find therein. I have only a small knowledge of science, but a large interest.

I share your opinion of the Army's Kaiki Curtin on all information to the public. Yours was an excellent book, read with great interest and enjoyment.

Very truly yours,

Edwin H Davidson

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Dear Mr. Scully:

We have just completed a reading of your excellent book on the subject of Flying Saucers, and we are very much interested in the industrial significance of the motive power and materials as represented by the flying saucer.

We would be most appreciative if you would comment briefly for us on this subject. We would like to publish these comments as a news item in our magazine "Industrial Maintenance". Due credit, of course, will be accorded to yourself and to the fine book which you have written.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, we are

Very truly yours,
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L. M. Wasserbly

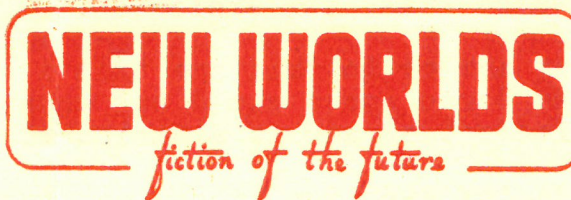
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Dear Mr. Scully:

I have just finished reading your book BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS, which was sent to me by an American colleague, and felt prompted, as an individual rather than a fiction editor, to write and compliment you upon the finest and most comprehensive write-up of the flying saucer mystery yet attained.

Incidentally, your book and Keyhoe's commenced serialisation in one of our London Sunday newspapers today, and intense interest has been aroused amongst the general public.

I have for many years been a great believer in interplanetary travel, but have always expected us to get off the planet and do the visiting. Our present method of attempting to do so sounds completely archaic after reading your statements upon magnetic propulsion. The fact that it would seem we have already been visited by travellers from another world is even better than I had hoped. Inadvertently, they may very well be the harbingers of world peace, for I cannot imagine international squabbles continuing if we are suddenly confronted by a superior race from out of the void.

However, the main query I have is one you may possibly be able to answer. It is agreed that these "saucers" are absolutely noiseless; nobody has apparently heard them. Would not there rapid passage through the atmosphere cause a vacuum in their wake which would result

in a noise similar to thunder after they had passed? I am thinking of the air waves created in the wake of the V-2 when they fell on London -- you could hear the "thunder" reverberating upwards after the explosion.

Or is the answer to that one that a revolving disc travelling at supersonic speed would not create a vacuum because the displacement of air is distributed outward?

I can imagine airplane pilots not hearing any sound from a "saucer," but have any ground observers ever reported thunder from a clear sky?

In particular I was interested in earlier reports of a cigar-shaped body of greater length than the saucers are reported to be, and thought this could conceivably be a parent ship from which the saucers are launched. Or perhaps the "visitors" have advanced considerably in technical developments over the past fifty years.

Be that as it may, very many thanks for the most interesting book of the year, and the food for thought and speculation which it leaves behind.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Carnell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

E.J. Carnell

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10 October 1950

Mr. Ashton Stevens
33 Bellevue Place
Chicago 11, Ill.

Dear Mr. Stevens;

I have long been awaiting the opportunity to write you a fan letter and while doing that I will also be answering some of Pop's press clippings which have been piling up on me.

First of all, thank you so much for the col of Oct 8, which you sent for our scrapbook. As you may know, Dad and Mother are East and probably in Chicago by now.

The saucer book is doing great out on the coast - even displacing "Dianetics" on the Best Seller lists. My newest sister, Moreen, is fine and healthy totally unimpressed by all the attention that we shower on her. Maybe she'll be an actress, God forbid!

Finally, I'd like to say how much I've enjoyed reading the columns of yours that you send on to us. I think the reason I like them is the youthful vitality they have. And I being 19, and in my last year of pre-law at UCLA love youthful vitality.

Pop will get around to answering his mail when he returns. Until then I remain

Respectfully, *SKIP SCULLY*

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